# WEEKLY NEWS

Crystal Jones | Principal | St. Paul Catholic Elementary School

## Calendar

#### Monday

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Healthy Hunger - Chopped Leaf

Partial Solar Eclipse - please see Division email

#### Tuesday

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#### Wednesday

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#### Thursday

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Early Dismissal @ 12pm

#### **Friday**

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Healthy Hunger - Opa



## Principal's Message

As we delight in the wonders of Spring, we are reminded of the beauty that surrounds us and the promise of new beginnings. Like the flowers blooming and the birds singing, may Easter renew our spirits and fill our hearts with hope.

May the love of Easter guide us through every step, bringing us closer as a community. This past Wednesday we gathered with Our Lady of Peace School for our Easter Mass at St. John's Church. We reflected on the



meaning of Easter and cherish the blessings in our lives and embark on new adventures with faith and courage.

On behalf of our Chief

Superintendent, we extend a warm invitation to you to read her April message. As we celebrate the arrival of spring and the joyful season of Easter, her words carry inspiration and guidance for our community.

Please take a moment to delve into her message, where you'll find wisdom, encouragement, and a heartfelt reflection on the significance of this time of year with a focus on "all that is Good, all that is True, and all that is Beautiful"

### https://www.ecsd.net/april-2024-message

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Jones

## Parent Council Meeting Wednesday April 24 @ 6:30 pm

Lots to share and celebrate as we prepare for the last few months of the school year! We hope you can join us!





I am happy to announce that our school will once again be participating in 'Run Wild' on Sunday, May 5th in St. Albert. Run Wild is a fun-filled racing event supporting local charities,

including Zebra Child & Youth Advocacy Centre. Your child is coming home today with an information flyer that includes information about how to register. We will also be having a pep rally for the race here at school on Friday, April 19. Please note that the race is on a Sunday and children must be accompanied by an adult. We will be training during lunch recess starting next week by running laps around the field behind the park (weather permitting). If you have any questions about this event, please contact me by

email: jennifer.Hudon@ecsd.net.

Kindly, Mrs. Hudon

Our school will be represented at the Apega Science Olympics Competition on Sunday. Best of luck to all our students, we cannot wait to hear all about the day! We know you are going to do amazing! The APEGA Science Olympics are interactive, inter-school events



for students in Grades 1 to 12. Science Olympians use problem solving to develop solutions to a series of challenges that demonstrate how engineering and geoscience impact our everyday lives. Challenges are related to the Alberta school curriculum, and are developed by professional engineers and geoscientists, as well as local teachers. Go. St. Paul



April 2024 Newsletter

#### The Home, School, and Parish

Dear Families,

During this Easter season, we are reminded of how Jesus fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, and healed the sick. Jesus lived and ministered alongside His disciples, welcoming, teaching, learning, healing, reconciling, serving, celebrating, and praying with each other and the larger community. Their relationship served as a marvellous example of collaboration and love.

As we approach Catholic Education Week in May, we recall their special relationship and consider for ourselves how this connection might translate today, particularly among the home, school and parish in the formation and education of our children.

The home is where values and beliefs begin. It is within the family that children learn about love, respect, and responsibility. As parents, you are the first and primary teachers in your children's lives. Your guidance, support, and example help shape their moral character and lay the foundation for their future.

At the same time, the school plays a crucial role in complementing the values taught at home and providing students with a holistic Catholic education. Teachers, administrators, and staff members not only impart knowledge through religious education programs and the permeation of faith in all subject areas, but also instill in students a sense of curiosity, critical thinking, and compassion.

Additionally, the parish community serves as a spiritual anchor, providing opportunities for worship, service, and fellowship. It is within the parish that children deepen their faith and develop a sense of belonging to the larger family of God. Through sacramental preparation and youth programs, the parish nurtures the spiritual growth of our children and strengthens their connection to their Catholic identity.

#### OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

When the home, school, and parish work together in harmony, the impact on our children's lives is profound. As Archbishop, I invite you to embrace this partnership wholeheartedly, recognizing the unique role each plays in the formation of our children.

May God bless our efforts as we strive to build a strong and vibrant community of faith, knowledge and love.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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**▼**Richard W. Smith

Archbishop of Edmonton